

The Garden Connection

A newsletter for the gardeners at the Waukesha County Rental Gardens

Annual Garden Harvest Breakfast Celebration Cancelled

Just a reminder that due to the coronavirus pandemic, we will not be hosting the annual garden harvest breakfast celebration this August as we have in the past. We sincerely hope that things will get back to normal so that we can enjoy doing it again next year.



Make a Garden Sketch

If you haven't already done so, now is a great time to make a note of where you planted your vegetables so you can make plans to rotate your vegetable plants next year. Rotating where you plant your vegetables keep disease causing fungi from building up to high levels in any one area of your garden.

Did you Know????

Did you know the Waukesha County Rental Gardens are coordinated by Extension, a division of the University of Wisconsin Madison? Did you know about all of the science-based information you can find on the Wisconsin Horticulture Division of Extension website at <https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/>? Did you know that they also have a Horticulture Facebook page which you can find at <https://www.facebook.com/WisconsinGarden/>? Did you know that the Extension office in Waukesha County also has a Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ExtensionWaukeshaCo/>? These pages all have great resources—check them out!



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Plant Waste Piles

There are several plant waste piles located at the garden. Please place plant waste in the established plant waste pile areas. Do NOT start new piles.

Permanent Plots

If you have a permanent plot and have not gardened your plot to its "potential" and/or have not gardened much in it for the last few years, please consider giving it up. We have gardeners who are interested in a permanent plot and would be happy to work on preparing the garden this fall for next year's gardening season. Thank you.



Questions/Contact Information

Questions? Concerns? Email Lisa at lboyer@waukeshacounty.gov or call 262-548-7775. Our office hours are from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Your message will be relayed to Ann Wied. You can also e-mail Ann directly at ann.wied@wisc.edu.



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Bulletin Board Garden Entrance

Please watch the bulletin board at the entrance to the garden for new messages or updates. It is the easiest way for us to get a timely message to the gardeners! If there is something that you feel we need to include in it, please let us know!

Waukesha County Rental Gardens' Website

Our website - <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/community-gardens/> - should be your "go-to" location for information throughout the gardening season. Timely information is often posted at this site. The Garden Map and Rules can be printed from the website, answers to questions about the Rental Gardens may be found on our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) page, and newsletters are posted under Newsletters. Make our website a favorite!

Fresh Produce Donations to Food Pantries

Did you plant more vegetables than you need? We encourage you to drop off your excess produce at your local food pantry. You may want to contact them for hours and to find out the best way to donate your fresh produce before heading there.



Water Tanks & Hoses - We Count on Your Help

Remember to familiarize yourself with the information on our Water at the Gardens page on our website at <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/community-gardens/water/>. Please contact us if you notice any problems with the hoses or water connections. Thank you!

Horticulture Assistance is Available

Do you have a gardening question? You can contact the Waukesha County Extension Horticulture Helpline by e-mail at uwex1@waukeshacounty.gov. Feel free to include photos!

Common Problems

Brown Leaves or Leaf Spots on Tomatoes - Have you some noticed brown leaves or spotting on the leaves of your tomato plants this year? It may be Early Blight or Septoria. See the links below to UW-Madison Division of Extension Horticulture fact sheets on these topics:

- Early Blight—<https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/articles/early-blight/>
- Septoria Leaf Spot—<https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/articles/septoria-leaf-spot/>

Once you see the symptoms it cannot be treated but there are some things you can do this year that will impact next year's tomatoes.



Early blight of tomato. Note spots with concentric rings (arrow) and yellow haloes.



Septoria leaf spot. Note the whitish spots with dark borders characteristic of the disease.

Garden Pathways

There are pathways throughout the gardens. Some are larger than others due to plot size and shape. Most of you have a garden path on one or more sides of your garden. **To help control the weeds surrounding your garden plot, we ask that you help weed-whack, mow, or apply mulch to the path.** We appreciate your help.

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